



****IMPORTANT: Wearing PPE in IAS / PCR****

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From: IAS Clinical Lead

Following a recent incident in IAS, can I please remind all staff that full PPE for non-aerosol generating processes should be worn whenever there is clinical contact with a patient.

There are no exceptions.

Whilst working in the service all staff are required to wear the masks provided by the Improving Access Service – it is not acceptable to wear your own mask.

Please be aware that a significant proportion of the public remain anxious about attending practices. They also have a good level of knowledge as to what staff should be wearing with respect to PPE.

Unfortunately comments have appeared on social media resulting in reputational damage to one of our host sites.

We have significant [Infection & Prevention resources](#) on our service website so please do take the time to look at it, in particular please make sure that you are familiar with the [IAS Infection Prevention & Control Guidance](#).

We will be contacting all staff currently registered with the service shortly to arrange online Teams training to re-inforce our written guidance. It will be a requisite moving forward to attend one of these sessions to be able to continue working in the service.

In the meantime please ensure that you have up to date training from eLfh in Infection Control and that the certificate is loaded on to your workforce account.

If you have any specific questions then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

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